Special Courts for rape and sexual crime cases

1186. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY:
SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA:
SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to set up Special Courts exclusively for cases relating to rape and other sexual crimes;

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when such Special Courts are likely to be set up;

(c) the number of such cases pending in the Courts at present and annual average of such cases; and

(d) how far the Special Courts are likely to curb the rape and other sexual offences?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) to (d) Under Section 11 of the Criminal Procedure Code, the State Government, after consultation with the High Court, can establish Special Courts to try any case or class of cases.

Apart from the existing courts, a set of additional courts, known as Fast Track Courts, have been set up for speeding up disposal of long pending cases, including sex-related crime cases.

As per information received from the National Crime Records Bureau, there were 56,343 rape cases pending in various courts at the end of 2001. The annual average of such cases during the three years 1999-2000 has been 53,601 cases per annum.

Recommendation of Delimitation Commission on Rajasthan

1187. DR. ABRAR AHMED:
SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delimitation Commission has recently recommended for altering the Assembly and Parliamentary Constituencies in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the recommendations have since been accepted by Government?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) The Delimitation Commission has informed that it had prepared a working paper containing its tentative proposals for the division of the State of Rajasthan into Assembly and Parliamentary Constituencies on the basis of 1991 census in terms of section 9 of the Delimitation Act, 2002 and had forwarded copies of the same to the Associate Members who were called for a meeting on 21st February, 2003. At this meeting, the Associate Members made certain suggestions. However, the discussion was inconclusive.

(b) According to the Delimitation Commission, the working paper sent to the Associate Members is a confidential document and not for circulation.

(c) The question does not arise in view of answer to (a) above.

Law Commission for accountability of police

1188. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Law Commission in its 177th Report has suggested the accountability of police;

(b) if so, the recommendations in this regard; and

(c) the action taken to change the code of criminal procedure and IPC accordingly?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) and (b) The Law Commission's 177th Report on "Law Relating to Arrest" has already been laid on the Table of the House on 25.11.2002.

(c) The Ministry of Home Affairs has informed that the State Government and Union territory Administrations have been requested for their views on the recommendations of the Law Commission, as 'criminal law' is in the Concurrent List of the Seventh Schedule of the Constituion.